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SUBJECT: DE CUELLAR/GORGE DISCUSS JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSING
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1. DCM AND I MET DE CUELLAR AND GORGE JULY 15. PART OF CONVERSATION DEALT WITH QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A JOINT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE MISSING PERSONS. THIS SUBJECT HAS FIGURED IN DE CUELLAR'S CONVERSATIONS THIS WEEK WITH PAPADOPOULOS, DENKTASH, AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON REGARDING A FURTHER MEETING IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS (SEPTTEL).
2. DE CUELLAR/GORGE SAID PAPADOPOULOS HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO PAN-CYPRIAN COMMITTEE FOR MISSING PERSONS TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN THE TALKS. FULFILLMENT OF THIS COMMITMENT WITHOUT EXPECTATION OF RESULT SEEMS INDEED TO BE PAPADOPOULOS' ONLY INTEREST IN A FURTHER MEETING.
3. AS RECENTLY AS JULY 14, DE CUELLAR/GORGE REPORTED, DENKTASH
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WAS STILL ON A VERY HARD LINE AND IS SUPPORTED IN THIS BY TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON, MEANING THAT THE DECISION IS ANKARA'S. DENKTASH WANTS BOTH A PRIOR GREEK ADMISSION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR TURKISH DEATHS AND PARTICIPATION BY HIS RED CRESCENT SOCIETY. BUT EVEN MORE OF AN OBSTACLE, HE FLATLY REFUSES TO ENTERTAIN PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION OF ICRC, SAYING JOINT INVESTIGATION MUST BE A LOCAL AFFAIR.

4. DE CUELLAR/GORGE BELIEVE THAT SOME FORM OF STATEMENT BY THE GREEK SIDE THAT JOINT INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO LOOK INTO TURKISH CHARGES MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE TO SATISFY DENKTASH REQUIREMENT ON PRIOR ADMISSION OF GREEK GUILT. RED CRESCENT INVOLVEMENT THEY CONSIDER OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS. PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS RED CROSS, MRS. STELLA SOULIOTI, WHO IS A PERSON OF VAST INFLUENCE IN SENIOR GOC COUNCILS, IS ADAMANT THAT THERE IS A SINGLE RED CROSS MANDATE IN CYPRUS WHICH HAS ALWAYS HAD BI-COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP AND OPERATED IN BOTH COMMUNITIES, AND SHE WILL ACCEPT NO SOLUTION THAT CHANGES THIS SITUATION IN PRINCIPLE. TURKISH REJECTION OF ICRC PARTICIPATION SEEMS TO DE CUELLAR/GORGE TO MEAN THAT THEY WANT NO COMMITTEE OR, IF ULTIMATELY FORCED TO ACCEPT ONE, A COMMITTEE WHOSE OPERATIONS THEY CAN LIMIT IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IF THERE WERE ICRC PARTICIPATION.
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